DOLPHINS

Ministry with the Aging

What Is the DOLPHIN* Program?

It is an ecumenical, one-to-one ministry with the aging. Lay volunteers from the community —sponsored by churches, synagogues, or interfaith groups— are trained, supervised, and accountable to their sponsors as well as to the program itself.

What Is a DOLPHIN?

A DOLPHIN is a participant in the program, wanting to be someone's friend.

DOLPHINS come in all sizes and shapes; they range in age from nine to ninety; they are male or female; they may be Protestants, Roman Catholics, or Jews but they share a common concern for and interest in the aged.

Why Does a DOLPHIN Visit?

Because he or she wants to be a friend.

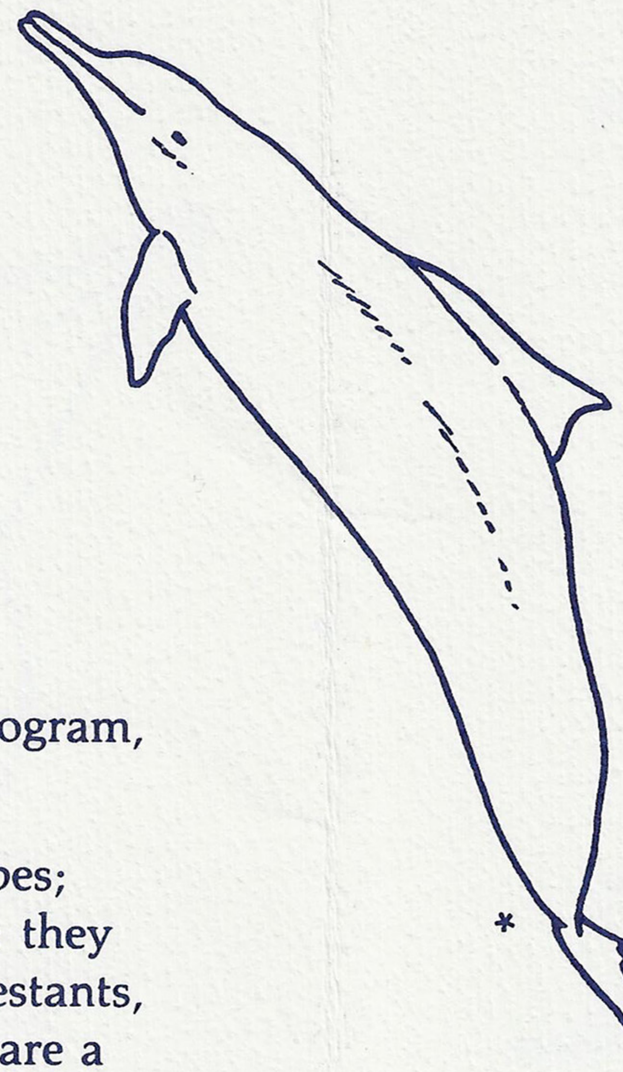
Where Do DOLPHINS Visit?

In nursing, retirement, and convalescent homes.

Who Do DOLPHINS Visit?

A DOLPHIN will visit just *one* lonely person.

Just one. No one else. There may be many DOLPHINS, but each one visits only one person.



History of the DOLPHIN Program for Ministry with the Aging

In April 1977, the Merion Deanery of the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania voted to place *Ministry with the Aging* as its first priority. By January 1978, a coordinator was found and the DOLPHIN Program started.

Financial support for the program began with limited funds from the Deanery treasury, contributions from Deanery parishes, from individuals, and from the Philadelphia Foundation.

In 1979 it became one of the programs endorsed by Venture-in-Mission of the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania through which a three-year grant was obtained from the William Penn Foundation. The task of adequate funding, plus the recruitment and training of new volunteers continues.

We need your personal involvement. Please lend us your gifts of time, talent, and treasure.

Contributions to the DOLPHIN Program toward its continued support are tax deductible.

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Homes Visited by DOLPHINS

Broomall Nursing Home
Bryn Mawr Terrace Convalescent Center
Chateau Convalescent Center
Devon Manor
Dundale Medical Center—Dunwoody Village
Hayes Manor
Christ Church Hospital
Knox Home
Rosemont Manor
Saunders House
Wayne Nursing and Rehabilitation Center

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